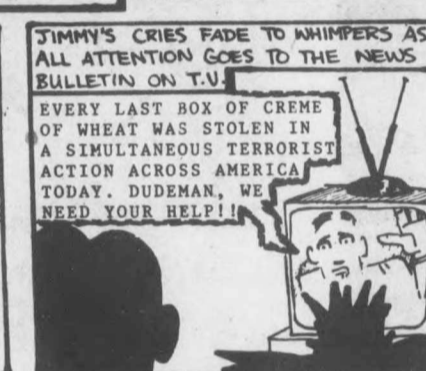
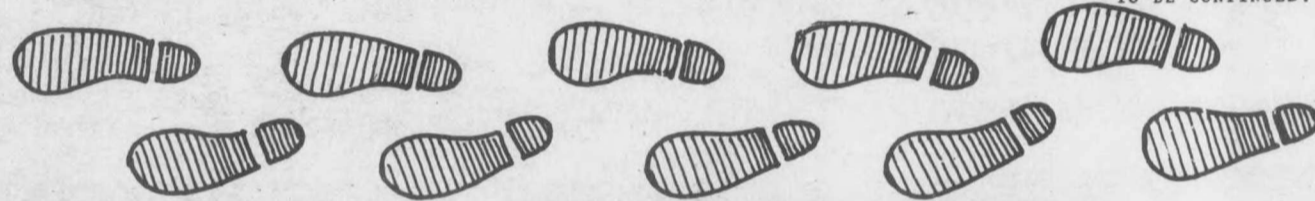


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TRANSCRIPT OF A PHONE CALL:

-Distractions editor.

-Yeah, hi. Its me.

-Oh great. I'm really glad you called. You don't know how much this means to me... Who is this?

-It's me. Marks, Stephen Marks.

-Yeah, so?

-Look, I really need some money. I'm working on this really big story, and I got a new angle on it.

-Stephen, you work for Distractions now. We don't have a budget. And you'd be a bigger help if you came in and helped us do lay-out, or even, Gosh forbid, write a story or something.

-Layout! You want me to do layout!? Uh... what's layout again?

-Stephen, you're not really helping the Bruns. The Sports Editor hasn't been the same since that messenger was here. You're spending all this money and not producing anything.

-But this story I'm working on is big. Really big. You might say "earth shattering."

-Yeah, sure. It's probably some ridiculous story about some clause in the Free Trade Agreement.

-No. Definitely not. Well that's not the main focus.

-Remember that earthquake last week?

-Yeah, so?

-Well, some of my sources claimed that it was actually supposed to go to the States, but I checked it out, and there's not much evidence to support it.

-Not surprising. Look, if...

-Wait, there's more. If you look carefully at the Deal, you'll find a clause about it. But that's not the point. When I went back to the Tuamoto Islands last weekend, they said the French had been around, blowing up islands and things.

-So?

-So, they caused the earthquake!

-Yeah, right. Look, there's only a correlation...

-But, my sources said that they were aiming for New Brunswick!

-Yeah, right. They were going after that professor, I suppose?

-What professor?

-Never mind. Look, Stephen, if...

-Wait, there's more. They said the French were after me! You gotta help me! Send money!

-Look, this sounds like bull...

-I know they're after me. When they captured me after I attacked one of their naval vessels they said that they had been looking for me. They said they had some very nasty things that they wanted to do to me. Then I escaped.

-Stephen, enough of this crap, either you go and do a story that I can use, or stop bothering me.

-But.

-Go cover a poetry contest.

-But...

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